

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 1, 7 and 8, AMEND claims 5 and 6 in accordance with the following:

1. (cancelled)
2. (previously presented) A vehicle-mounted internal combustion engine comprising:  
an EGR line for recirculating exhaust gas;  
an EGR valve is arranged in the EGR line to control an EGR amount;  
an EGR controller for controlling the EGR valve, wherein said EGR controller performs control of scavenging said EGR line by opening said EGR valve at a time of reducing vehicle speed;  
an intake line; and  
an intake throttle valve for controlling an intake air volume in the intake line, wherein said EGR controller performs control of closing said intake throttle valve up to a predetermined opening at a time of scavenging said EGR line.
3. (cancelled)
4. (previously presented) A vehicle-mounted internal combustion engine comprising:  
an EGR line for recirculating exhaust gas;  
an EGR valve in the EGR line to control an EGR amount;  
an EGR controller for controlling the EGR valve, wherein said EGR controller performs control of scavenging said EGR line by opening said EGR valve during idling;  
an intake line; and  
an intake throttle valve for controlling an intake air volume in the intake line, wherein said EGR controller performs control of opening said intake throttle valve up to a predetermined opening at the time of scavenging said EGR line.

5. (currently amended) ~~An internal combustion engine as claimed in claim 1~~An internal combustion engine mounted in a vehicle comprising:  
an EGR line for recirculating exhaust gas;  
an EGR valve arranged in the EGR line for controlling an EGR; and  
an EGR controller for controlling the EGR valve,  
wherein the EGR controller carries out a judgment as to whether the engine is in a scavenging condition, and if judged that the engine is in the scavenging condition, performs control to open the EGR valve, whereby the EGR line is scavenged and a high-temperature exhaust gas having a relatively high moisture content is replaced with a low-temperature exhaust gas having a relatively small moisture content,  
wherein said scavenging condition is a decelerated vehicle condition with an accelerator of the vehicle put to OFF.

6. (currently amended) ~~An internal combustion engine as claimed in claim 1~~An internal combustion engine mounted in a vehicle comprising:  
an EGR line for recirculating exhaust gas;  
an EGR valve arranged in the EGR line for controlling an EGR; and  
an EGR controller for controlling the EGR valve,  
wherein the EGR controller carries out a judgment as to whether the engine is in a scavenging condition, and if judged that the engine is in the scavenging condition, performs control to open the EGR valve, whereby the EGR line is scavenged and a high-temperature exhaust gas having a relatively high moisture content is replaced with a low-temperature exhaust gas having a relatively small moisture content,  
wherein said scavenging condition is an idling engine operation condition.

7. (cancelled)

8. (cancelled)